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\$55,000 Available For Restoration Project

Officialdom Weighs Sandy Beach Money

By Judith Epstein

Cohasset has \$55,000 in federal disaster assistance funds to use on a sand restoration project at Sandy Beach. That is, if the money is not returned and if it is ascertained that the beach is in need of the proposed work.

Selectman Chairman Arthur Clark expressed dismay at the Conservation Commission meeting this week that he may have to return the funds if they are not used by August.

Clark felt that cooperation between the Sandy Beach Association and the Conservation Commission was lacking in mobilizing the project before the summer and beach season arrived.

Clark explained that after the 1978 Blizzard, he and engineers from the Army Corps of Engineers and from the Division of Waterways examined the beach. An assessment of \$55,000 was made in the application to the Federal disaster assistance administration for the restoration of Sandy Beach as a barrier beach in Cohasset.

It was at first denied. But an appeal was successful, and the money became available last fall.

Clark then gathered samples of sand from Sandy Beach, pit sand and washed concrete sand from Marshfield Sand and Gravel and submitted them to the Conservation Commission and the Sandy Beach Association for approval.

Clark also tried to contact these groups to accompany him and an engineer from the State Department of Environmental Quality Engineers (DEQE) to observe the results of beach

restoration at Rexhame Beach in Marshfield. Clark said he received little or no response to his overtures in initiating the project.

The winter was not the time to start the project, he said, because another devastating storm could have disrupted the beach's sand again. He claimed that time has now run out for the project to be completed — considering the amount of time it takes for filing of plans, hearings, advertising for bids and construction — before residents are using the beach.

Conservation Commission Chairman Jack Hubbard responded this week to Clark's concerns. Hubbard stood firm in his refusal to short-circuit the process of law that governs activities within 100 feet of the ocean. He explained that it was the place of the Conservation Commission to study an applicant's notice of intent, to hold a hearing and to issue an order of conditions as a result of the hearing.

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Midge Control For Straits Pond

Midge control for Straits Pond is the concern of many Hull and Cohasset residents this week as the flies have hatched and are already creating a nuisance.

Hull Executive Secretary Bernard Duffy said spraying for midges will begin at the end of the week and will continue into next week.

Interdisciplinary Environmental Planning (IEP), the firm selected to conduct the joint Straits Pond eutrophication and aquatic vegetation control study between Hull and Cohasset, informed the towns that midge-killing chemicals, but not weed-killing ones, could be applied to the pond this year.

IEP, funded by equal appropriations from both towns, will make formal applications with Coastal Zone Management, the state Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council for larger scale projects to solve the pond's problems.

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Meet Frank England, Outspoken Advisor

Ask for leadership, management and teaching capabilities, and Frank England will show you how to get them while demonstrating them himself.

Frank England, second term School Committee member, can spot a wasted penny, an incompetence, laziness and just about any other shortcoming a mile off. That makes him the man people love to grouse about, but also the man people respect and listen to.

Be it the Army, insurance of the school department — the three career hats England wears with expertise — his motto 'Run a Tight Ship' holds true for all. It was through these three avenues England learned about the art of education, although he's never been a public school educator, himself.

He has been an outspoken School Committee member from the start. Each year he brings back to the Committee projects he has worked on single-handed, evaluation instruments, ways in which classes can be consolidated and methods by which teachers could improve efficiency by taking on more than one discipline. All of his suggestions point toward the necessity for good management.

"The people at the top set the rules," England said, "which should permeate down through the organiza-

tion." Supervision is 10% telling people what to do and 90% seeing that they do it, England says when referring to any position of authority, and particularly the administration of the Cohasset school department.

"We (the School Committee) are only in an advisory position. You can never change anything. You can observe. You can set policy." The rest, he said, is up to the superintendent, principals, heads of departments and business manager.

According to England, teachers make the difference in the classroom. A recent HUD study, he said, relates that class size, from 13 to 34 children in a classroom, makes very little difference in the quality of education students receive. "It depends on the teachers," England said. "If there are more kids, teachers should extend themselves a little."

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Garden Clubs 'Paint' Town Beautiful

By Judith Epstein

Just walking down a Cohasset street can take your breath away. Forsythias, cherry blossoms, manicured gardens and lawns; all make a lush picture-puzzle of the colors of springtime. And the people who help Cohasset retain this horticultural excellence can be found in the town's three garden clubs.

The largest garden club in Cohasset is the Community Garden Club, now boasting 255 members, some of whom also come from Scituate, Marshfield



and Hingham. In the late 1950's the club originated with the Community Center but now it is an autonomous group.

President of the club, Mrs. Robert Sturdy, outlined membership responsibility. Members are admitted twice a year in September and April after being sponsored by two members. Although the club is at the limit for membership now, Mrs. Sturdy said, there is some turnover that leaves a few openings available each year. Meetings are held once a month at St.

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STRANGE SPECIES? Not really! It's a Killdeer, a variety of sandpiper. This one laid its nest in a rocky area behind the high school.

(Greg Derr photo)